



# Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services



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## **Cannabis Program Responsibilities**

**Cannabis operations will be treated as any other commercial business.**

Sonoma County Fire Prevention is responsible for pre-fire plans and emergency planning for the following occupancy types:

- Business/Mercantile—"B/M" Occupancies
- Factory—"F" Occupancies, Manufacturing and processing
- Hazmat—"H" Occupancies
- Storage—"S" Occupancies
- Labs—"L" Occupancies

### **Certified Unified Program Agency: CUPA**

CUPA is triggered if chemical use exceeds reportable quantities (*Health and Safety Code Chapter 6.95*)

- Outdoor Operations: Shared responsibilities under Department of Agriculture and Fire and Emergency Services
  - 10,000 square feet and less: Ag Department
  - Over 10,000 square feet: Fire and Emergency Services
- Indoor Operations
  - Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services

### **Fire Prevention Permits: Commercial and Operational**

- **Construction Permits:** New and existing buildings
  - You will need a permit for:
    - Any new construction per the California Building Code
    - Buildings that are deemed to be a change in occupancy
    - Remodels or alterations to existing structures
  - If a construction permit is required, we will review and inspect:
    - Fire Department Access
    - Water storage
    - Addressing
    - Fire Protection Systems
    - Hazardous Materials Storage
- **Operational Permits:**
  - Operational permits are required for life safety of workers, the public and first responders, and the protection of the environment and property.
    - Illegal electrical, interior walls built without permits, emergency exiting (egress), any fire protection components
  - Operational Permits will be necessary for the following activities:
    - Cultivation
    - Distribution
    - Manufacturing (non-volatile)
    - Testing and Laboratory